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# BLACK PANTHER

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HUNT**

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T'CHALLA USED TO BE THE KING OF WAKANDA UNTIL THE NATION BECAME A DEMOCRACY AND EXILED THEIR FORMER RULER. BUT AS THE BLACK PANTHER, EMPOWERED BY THE HEART-SHAPED HERB AND THE CHAMPION OF THE GODDESS BAST, HE REMAINS WAKANDA'S PROTECTOR...

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# BLACK PANTHER

## BLOOD HUNT

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### PREVIOUSLY

The **DARKFORCE DIMENSION** has erupted and created an eternal night, allowing vampires everywhere to launch a brutal attack against humanity! **BLADE** leads the vampires—and has turned **BLACK PANTHER** into a vampire as well, sending him to Wakanda in search of a temple that is key to his plans! Unbeknownst to T'Challa, Blade is possessed by **VARNAE**, the first vampire. The panther goddess **BAST** remembers how the gods encountered Varnae eons ago and failed to stop him. To avoid repeating their mistakes, Bast has enlisted the aid of the river goddess **ANUKET**, who brought T'Challa to the temple gates—where he was confronted by angry **ATLANTEANS**...

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INDIAN OCEAN,  
ATLANTEAN TEMPLE RUINS.  
SUNDEATH: 31:09:15.

YOU SHOULD  
NOT HAVE  
COME HERE,  
WAKANDAN!

FWAP

I AM NOT  
HERE AS AN ACT  
OF AGGRESSION,  
ATLANTEAN.





YOU JEST!  
YOUR VERY  
PRESENCE IN THESE  
WATERS IS AN  
INSULT!

I'VE ONLY  
COME TO RECLAIM  
THAT WHICH ONCE SAT  
UPON WAKANDAN SOIL.  
A TEMPLE OF NO USE  
TO YOUR  
PEOPLE.

ANCIENT  
RUINS.



RUINS OR NOT,  
DO YOU EXPECT  
ME TO BELIEVE YOUR  
PEOPLE ONCE  
HEWN ATLANTIAN  
STONE?

AS MUCH AS  
I BELIEVE YOUR  
PEOPLE CRAFTED THE  
VIBRANIUM GATEWAY  
BEFORE IT.

HRM, THEN  
WE ARE AT AN  
IMPASSE, LAND-DWELLER.  
FOR WHAT THE GODS  
HAVE RETURNED TO THESE  
WATERS WILL NEVER BE  
RELINQUISHED.



THIS IS A DISCUSSION BEST HAD  
WITH YOUR KING, YES? WHY  
NOT **SUMMON** HIM?

I DO NOT  
NEED TO SEEK  
NAMOR'S COUNSEL  
BECAUSE **YOU** HOLD  
NO POWER HERE! I  
SPEAK TO YOU AS  
AN **EQUAL**!





BELIEVING ME  
YOUR EQUAL  
WAS YOUR FIRST  
MISTAKE.

YEEEEAAARRRGH!!

PRAY IT  
ISN'T YOUR  
LAST.

I MOVE ON  
INSTINCT.

AN ELECTRIC PULSE  
SURGES WITHIN ME--  
A LINGERING  
FRAGMENT OF POWER  
GIFTED BY THE RIVER  
GODDESS ANUKET.



FWOOOSH!!

I FOLLOW BY CONJURING  
AN ELEMENTAL VOLLEY  
WITH EASE, IT'S A SURPRISE  
THAT TRIGGERS A BRIEF  
REMEMBRANCE OF THE  
TASTE OF ANUKET'S BLOOD.

I LONG FOR MORE OF  
IT, AND PERHAPS MORE  
OF ANUKET AS WELL.



BUT AFFAIRS OF THE HEART ARE  
OF NO CONCERN TO ONE WITH  
A HEART THAT DOES NOT BEAT.

AS LONG AS I REMAIN A SCION  
OF BLADE'S, MY WILL IS NOT  
COMPLETELY MY OWN, AND THE  
MISSION REMAINS PARAMOUNT.

THE TEMPLE  
CALLS TO ME.



MSITU WA DHABIHU,  
WAKANDAN NATURE  
PRESERVE.

SUNDEATH: 31:19:04.

IT IS  
DONE.

WHAT WAS  
DONE? HAS VARNAE'S  
TEMPLE BEEN  
DESTROYED?

I DO  
NOT KNOW,  
BASTI

TCH! YOU ARE  
INSUFFERABLE.

CAREFUL,  
ANUKET. MY PATIENCE  
IS AS THIN AS YOU  
ARE SHALLOW.

NOW,  
WHERE IS  
T'CHALLA?!

AT THE  
ATLANTEAN RUINS!  
EXACTLY WHERE I  
PROMISED TO GUIDE HIM!






YOU DIDN'T  
STAY TO AID HIM  
IN HIS QUEST? MAKE  
CERTAIN THAT THE  
DEMON'S HOLD  
UPON HIM HAD BEEN  
SEVERED?!

THAT WAS  
NEVER AGREED UPON!  
AND I SHOULD THINK  
THE GIFT OF MY BLOOD  
WOULD SUFFICE! HOW MUCH  
SHOULD I BE EXPECTED  
TO SACRIFICE FOR  
THIS LAND?

AFTER ALL,  
THESE MATTERS  
ARE OF NO CONCERN  
TO ME. T'CHALLA IS  
YOUR CHAMPION,  
NOT MINE.



THOUGH PERHAPS  
IF HE RETURNS, I CAN  
CONVINCE HIM TO SEEK  
OUT UNCHARTED  
WATERS.

HAMPH. YOUR  
DOMINION SUITS  
YOU, ANUKET.

THE BOWEL OF  
THE NILE IS WHERE  
YOU BELONG--FOR YOU  
ARE AS SLIPPERY AS A  
RIVER SNAKE!



AGREED.  
AND AS  
WET.




HA! YOU  
BELIEVED GODHOOD  
TO BE WITHIN  
YOUR GRASP?

YOU ARE AS  
STUPID AS YOU  
ARE ARROGANT,  
LITTLE DEMON!

YOU ARE  
A **DESECRATION!**  
LIVING ROT!

A HEART THAT  
DOES NOT BEAT.  
LUNGS THAT DRAW NO  
BREATH. WHO ARE YOU TO  
DEEM YOURSELF A GOD,  
VARNAEP? YOU ARE  
BARELY ALIVE.





DO YOU WISH  
TO SEE THE MIGHT  
OF A TRUE GOD?  
A POWER  
EVERLASTING?

A POWER TO  
BURN EVERYTHING  
YOU HAVE EVER  
WROUGHT TO  
ASH?!



BEAR WITNESS,  
DEMON!

HISSESSSSSSSSSS

KOKOU,  
CEASE THIS  
FOOLISHNESS!

AAAAEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

BEAR WITNESS  
TO A FORCE THAT  
IS ETERNAL!

YOU HAVE  
PROVEN YOUR  
WORTH, BROTHER!  
ALLOW THIS LAND  
ITS REST!

HE IS  
BEYOND REASON,  
PTAH!

I MUST  
BRING KOKOU  
DOWN!

YOU CANNOT,  
KHONSHU, FOR *YOU*  
DO NOT HAVE SUCH  
POWER.

BUT I  
DO.



ESHU,  
THE DEMON  
MUST BE—

ENOUGH.

THWACK

I HAVE SEEN  
ENOUGH!

SCRRRITCH

THWACK

THWACK

I HAVE BORNE  
WITNESS TO  
YOUR FIGHTING AND  
YOUR FAILINGS!

JUDGMENT  
IS NOW AT  
HAND...










ATLANTEAN TEMPLE RUINS.  
SUNDEATH: 31:31:54.

IF A MAN WHO KNOWS  
NO FEAR IS FOOLISH,  
THEN I AM WISE FAR  
BEYOND MY YEARS  
AND EXPERIENCE.



AS I MOVE DEEPER WITHIN  
THE TEMPLE, I AM SEIZED  
BY A HORROR I CANNOT  
EXPLAIN. IT IS AN ANXIETY  
THAT IS *PRIMORDIAL*.

BUT I AM NOT HELD CAPTIVE  
BY IT, FOR I KNOW THAT  
*FEAR* IS OFTEN THE KEY TO  
ONE'S *LIBERATION*.




I WEAR THIS TERROR--*ELDRITCH*  
AND *EPIGENETIC*--AS ARMOR.  
DOING SO GIVES IT A USEFULNESS.  
IT CAN PREPARE ME FOR  
WHATEVER DANGER LIES IN WAIT  
ALONG MY PATH.



AN *AUSPICIOUS*  
DECISION.

HELLO,  
BROTHER. HAVE  
YOU COME TO  
DELIVER US?





OR HAVE  
YOU COME TO  
SERVE AS OUR  
SACRIFICE?

YOU ARE  
FLUSH WITH BLOOD  
YET OUR FEAST  
GOES SO LONG  
DENIED!


MAY IT  
CONTINUE TO  
ELUDE YOU.

WHETHER MY NEWFOUND  
STRENGTH DERIVES FROM  
ANUKET'S BLOOD OR  
BLADE'S VAMPIRIC CURSE,  
I AM UNCERTAIN.


I AM AWARE THAT DEATH IS  
THE MOST MERCIFUL GIFT  
FOR VARNAE'S SULLIED  
CAPTIVES, YET I CANNOT  
HELP BUT BLANCH AT THE  
BRUTALITY OF ITS DELIVERY.

STILL, I KNOW THAT I  
WOULD DESIRE A SWIFT  
DEMISE IN RETURN.



A comic book panel showing several muscular, horned, and winged creatures in a state of distress. They are bound by heavy metal chains to a large wooden cross. The scene is filled with splatters of red blood, suggesting a violent event. The background is a fiery orange and yellow, with a large, skeletal, winged figure hanging from the top of the cross. The creatures have a desperate and pained expression.

AND SO, I HASTILY  
GRANT WHAT I MYSELF  
WOULD REQUEST.

A comic book panel showing a fallen angel with white wings and a halo, lying motionless on a dark, jagged, and bloody surface. The angel's body is covered in wounds and blood. In the background, a large, skeletal, winged figure is visible, and a hand with a chain is seen in the foreground. The scene is set in a dark, industrial-looking environment with a blue and purple color palette.

AND HOPE THERE IS SOME  
SEMBLANCE OF PEACE IN  
THAT ETERNAL DARKNESS.





LOOK AT  
WHAT YOU  
HAVE DONE,  
KOKOU!

EH, IT  
WILL SERVE AS A  
WARNING.

YOU WILL  
SERVE AS A WARNING.  
FOR YOU ARE NOW  
BOUND TO  
THIS LAND.

WAKANDA  
EONS AGO.



A FITTING  
PUNISHMENT!

AND  
YOU AS WELL,  
BAST.

ON WHOSE  
AUTHORITY, ESHU?  
YOU ARE NOT OF  
THE ENNEAD!

QUIET,  
BAST!



KHONSHU, YOUR  
WILLINGNESS TO ACT  
IN SERVICE OF MANKIND  
HAS BEEN NOTED. YOU  
ARE FREE TO GO.

YOU DO  
NOT DIRECT THE  
FATE OF OUR FAMILY,  
ORISHAI!

WHOSE  
JUDGMENT?

ENOUGH,  
BAST! ESHU IS  
JUDGMENT.



AND YOU,  
PTAH--

I WILL STAY  
IF COMMANDED.  
THE ORE THAT VARNAE  
STOLE WAS MY  
RESPONSIBILITY.

A JUDGMENT  
HAS BEEN MADE.

ACCEPTED. YOU,  
PTAH-OGUN, GOD  
OF TWO RINGS--IRON  
AND GOLD--SHALL NOW  
BE OF THREE. WALK  
FREELY, BUT TEND TO  
ALL HEARTHS.





I LEAVE YOU  
TO DECIDE THE  
DESTINY OF THIS  
LAND--ORISHA  
AND ENNEAD  
AS ONE.



CURSE YOU,  
KOKOU!

THE MORTALS  
WILL RETURN IN A  
FORTNIGHT TO A  
LAND AS SCORCHED  
AND BARREN AS  
YOUR MIND!



BAST,  
PLEASE!



UNHAND ME,  
GHEKRE! LET ME  
GIVE THIS FOOL  
THE FIGHT HE  
SO DESPERATELY  
CRAVES!



AND IT WILL  
SOLVE NOTHING.  
NONE OF YOU  
POSSESS THE POWER  
NEEDED TO RESTORE  
THIS LAND, BUT YOU  
ARE NOT WITHOUT  
FAMILY.

RA'S LIGHT  
PROVIDES TO ALL.  
ONLY WATER DO  
YOU LACK.



WE NEED  
ANUKET.

TSKI! THEN I WILL  
SEND FOR HER IF YOU  
WISH. BUT GIVEN HER  
TEMPERAMENT--

AND  
YOURS.

--I DO  
NOT KNOW  
WHAT WILL  
BE SAID.











A large comic book panel showing T'Challa, the Black Panther, underwater. He is wearing his blue and silver vibranium suit and a white cloth around his waist. He has a determined and urgent expression, with his mouth open as if shouting. His right arm is raised, and his hand is open. The water around him is dark blue with white bubbles and splashes. In the background, there are faint outlines of city buildings and a large, dark, tentacle-like structure. Several speech bubbles and text boxes are overlaid on the panel.

ONCE  
YOU ARE  
HERE

**CITY?!**

YES,  
T'CHALLA.

TRIANGULATE ON  
MY COORDINATES!  
TELEPORT **EVERYTHING**  
WITHIN THE STRUCTURE--  
BUT ME--TO THE  
ONASSIS RESERVOIR IN  
CENTRAL PARK!

**NOW!**

IN MY HASTE TO ACT, I  
HAVE REVEALED WHOSE  
WILL SERVED TO BE THE  
**STRONGEST--BLADE'S,  
BAST'S, OR MY OWN.**


POWERING  
MASS-TRANSLATION  
DRIVES. RETRIEVAL ENABLED--  
40.786007 DEGREES  
LATITUDE, -73.962029  
LONGITUDE.

I USE THE **IMPOSSIBLE  
CITY**--A SENTIENT SATELLITE  
THAT ONCE PLEDGED ITSELF  
TO THE AVENGERS--TO DO  
THE BIDDING OF A  
**MONSTER.**

COMMENCING  
TELEPORTATION.

THE CITY ACQUIESCES  
TO THIS PROFANE  
CORRUPTION.






I HAVE FULFILLED  
BLADE'S WISH. THE  
TEMPLE IS WITHIN  
HIS GRASP.

A comic book panel showing Blade, a man in a green tactical suit with a shield emblem on his chest, falling into a body of water. He is surrounded by splashing water and green energy waves. The panel is tilted at an angle.




BUT THE CITY HAS  
SOWN MY LAST ACT  
OF DEFIANCE WITHIN  
ITS DELIVERY.

A comic book panel showing Blade, a man in a green tactical suit with a shield emblem on his chest, falling into a body of water. He is surrounded by splashing water and green energy waves. The panel is tilted at an angle.



I HAVE GIVEN BLADE  
WHAT HE MOST  
DESIRES--AS A WEAPON  
FORMED AGAINST HIM.

A comic book panel showing Blade, a man in a green tactical suit with a shield emblem on his chest, falling into a body of water. He is surrounded by splashing water and green energy waves. The panel is tilted at an angle.



MY ONLY HOPE IS THAT  
WHAT HAS BEEN GRANTED  
DESTROYS BLADE.

A comic book panel showing Blade, a man in a green tactical suit with a shield emblem on his chest, falling into a body of water. He is surrounded by splashing water and green energy waves. The panel is tilted at an angle.



AS IT HAS LIKELY  
DESTROYED ME.

A comic book panel showing Blade, a man in a green tactical suit with a shield emblem on his chest, falling into a body of water. He is surrounded by splashing water and green energy waves. The panel is tilted at an angle.



THREE TIMES  
I HAVE DONE YOUR  
BIDDING, BASTI AND  
STILL RECEIVE  
NO THANKS!

I AM  
GRATEFUL,  
ANUKET.

HMMPH! WE  
WILL SEE HOW  
MUCH WHEN THE  
SPOILS ARE TO  
BE DIVVIED!

THERE WILL BE  
NO SPOILS AS LONG  
AS VARNAE'S TEMPLE  
REMAINS! BUT I THANK  
YOU FOR GIVING MY  
CHAMPION THE  
CHANCE TO  
FIGHT AGAIN.

AM I  
DEAD?

NO. OSIRIS IS NOT NEARLY AS  
BEAUTIFUL. NOR AS CARELESS  
WITH HEARTS.

YOU ARE  
HERE IN THE  
LAND WHERE YOU  
BELONG, T'CHALLA.  
WAKANDA.

AND THERE  
IS STILL MUCH  
WORK TO BE DONE!  
BOTH HERE  
AND AFAR.

BUT FOR  
NOW, WELCOME  
BACK, MY  
CHAMPION.

WELCOME  
HOME.

END.



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